

**RAISING HOLY HANDS**  
**1 TIMOTHY 2:8**

*I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing* (1 Timothy 2:8)

Whatever this text imports to us, it is quite clear from the use of Paul’s language that he really did have in mind men (andras as contrasted to verse 9 where Paul used the distinctive word *gunaikas*-women). This does not preclude women from raising up holy hands in prayer to God obviously, but it may say more about the practice of empty waving of the hands in assemblies verses a knowledgeable demonstration to God of a lifestyle. It also seems to limit the gender selection of those who pray corporately in the local assemblies. It would not limit women everywhere of course. Lydia was gathered with some women on the banks of the Gangites (See ISBE) as a place of prayer since there was no synagogue in Philippi. These women would have been free to raise holy hands in prayer to God which was quite common for them to do. Raising hands is a posture of the declaration of holiness.

The entire section of Paul’s writing has to do *ultimately* and primarily with the saving of souls which is the absolute purpose of the body of Christ as it was Jesus’ purpose. In verses 1-4 the apostle sets forth his topic for the section. He asks that prayers and supplications (intense and heartfelt prayers) be made to God on behalf of *men* (here he uses the all encompassing word for humanity *anthropon*) that they may be saved.

Here, then, is the primal task of the church of saving the souls of men, brought to the attention of the church and encompasses four things:

- **All of us ought to pray for the salvation of the souls of mankind. Men ought to pray in every place the church assembles for ALL of mankind. We cannot pick and choose nationalities but must pray for mankind everywhere—Muslims, Shinto, Mormon, Animistic, Buddhist, or infidel. Paul commands that we offer supplications, prayers, and interventions into the lives of ALL Mankind. Prayer is significantly and singularly the first task of the church in reaching the lost.**
- **Secondly Paul in this chapter emphasizes the importance of the lifestyle of each church member, which is epitomized by Paul’s use of the word *holy*. In verse 2 Paul uses three words which may typify the word *holy*. His prayer is that the church members live respectful, godly, and peaceable lives together that the great task of winning souls might not be thwarted.**
- **Thirdly Paul asks that men lift up holy hands which have not served anger. Hands lifted to God almighty in prayer are hands that have not lifted weapons or closed fists to one another. Open hands are hands of kindness and help—hands that serve God’s purposes.**
- **Fourthly, Paul wants men to pray who do not quarrel with one another. I find it quite interesting that often we find reason to quarrel over the raising of the hands. What a sad commentary on this verse. Quarreling demonstrates to God that our hearts are self centered and not God-centered. It is not about the hands at all—it’s about what kind of people we are in the assemblies of the Lord’s body—it’s about the faithful way we go about saving the souls of mankind—it’s about the greatest work in the world—the saving of souls.**  
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**PRAYER LIST**

- ♥ Betsy Canfield was taken to Tulane in New Orleans last week. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- ♥ Larry Mittlestat is in room 4251 at the VA Hospital.
- ♥ Ann Mobley is in room 308 at River Oaks Hospital.
- ♥ Rudy Staggs, Ashley Nowlen’s father, has lung cancer. He has begun hospice care.
- ♥ George Miller, Jr., George Miller’s father, is doing better. Pray that his body will not start rejecting his kidney.
- ♥ Karen Adams, Ryan Hamrick’s neighbor, has breast cancer.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER**

Betsy Canfield, Howard Farrar, Mary Louise Gipson, Beverly Graham, Beverly Hufstetler, Charlotte Hunter, Larry Mittlestat, Joe Saia, Mart Salley and Joey Sanderford

**SYMPATHY**

Sympathy is extended to Jenny Farrar. Jenny’s father, Wilton Anderson, passed away Friday, July 6. His funeral was Monday, July 9 in Dickson, TN.

**DIAPER DROP**

Jose and Lilianna Alcazar are expecting their third child, a girl, in a few weeks. We would like to honor them with a Diaper Drop on July 22. For your convenience there is a table set up in the entryway across from the library.

**PANTRY**

The pantry is getting VERY bare. Summer is a very busy time for everyone but please try to remember to pick up your groups items. If you are not in a group, pick up any item on the list. We can never have too much. If you would like to donate money just drop you donation into the contribution plate with a note or memo that it is for the pantry.

**PICTURES**

Many of you were not able to get your pictures taken for the new directory. If you would like to use the picture on the picture board, please let Jenny Farrar know by July 31. If you would rather use another picture, please have it to Jenny by July 31. If we do not hear from you and your picture is on the board, that picture will be used in the new directory.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION**

Do you remember those special teachers that made an impact in our lives? Please join us in showing our appreciation to the educators at Pearl High School as we honor them in a banquet on August 11 at 5:30p.m. You are asked to sponsor a teacher and his/her spouse. Cost is anticipated to be \$6-\$7 per person. Each sponsor is encouraged to attend the banquet to meet the person they sponsored. Sponsors will need to purchase meals as well. Each sponsor is encouraged to present their sponsored educator with a small gift such as homemade cards, bookmarks, cookies, etc. There are about 300 employees at PHS. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the hall for your convenience. Please indicate how many couples you can sponsor.

**FREE INDEED**

FreeIndeed will be with us the August 11-12. We will need to raise \$1500 for this event. They will perform in concert Saturday, August 11 around 7:00. We will need folks who are willing to house about 20 people related to the FreeIndeed ministry. If you can help see Tim Nelson.

**WORSHIP BAGS**

There are “Worship Bags” available in the back of the auditorium for those with young children. These bags are there to help you, the parent, to worship more fully. Please return the bags to the basket weekly so they can be available each week.

**SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS**

Contact Tim Nelson if unable to serve at 601-853-3704.

**7/22/07**

Greeters ..... Rogers Life Group  
Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
Call to Worship ..... Ken Salley  
Prayer ..... Jim Head  
Presiding ..... Alvin McMillen  
Closing Prayer ..... Allen McDaniel

*Serving*

LaRan Kilpatrick	Mike Babin
George Miller	Terry Hester
Allen Rogers	Wavne Bridges

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
Nursery ..... Sue Livingston  
Children’s Worship ..... Justin McCoy  
Bryan Farrar

**7/29/07**

Greeters ..... McManaway Life Group  
Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
Call to Worship ..... Ryan Hamrick  
Prayer ..... Jerry Mitchell  
Presiding ..... Glynn McMillen  
Closing Prayer ..... LaRan Kilpatrick

*Serving*

Charlie McMasters	Todd Lott
Rocky Barnette	Justin McCoy
Jeremy Blevins	Allen Rogers

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
Nursery ..... Genie Rogers  
Children’s Worship . Timothy McMillen

**THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR**

July 22- Psalm 36-37; Acts 23:1-11  
July 23- Psalm 38-40; Acts 23:12-35  
July 24 – Psalm 41-43; Acts 24  
July 24 – Psalm 41-43; Acts 25  
July 26-Psalm 47-49; Acts 26  
July 27-Psalm 50-52; Acts 27:1-25  
July 28-Psalm 53-55; Acts 27:26-44

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 22 - Diaper Drop for Alcazar’s  
July 31 – Deadline to submit photos for directory  
August 11- Teacher Appreciation Banquet  
August 11-12 – Free Indeed

LIFE GROUPS		
Area	Location	Leaders
South Brandon	Rotated	Paul McManaway
		Glynn McMillen
Pearl	Building	David Blevins
		Lonnie Livingston
Florence/Star	Rotated	Yale Canfield
		Allen McDaniel
Brandon	Sweeney Home	Jeff Sweeney
		Tim Farrar
Reservoir	Rogers Home	Jim Head
		Allen Rogers
Teens	Varies	Ken Salley

**Mission Statement for Heart Matters**  
 To enhance the mission of the Skyway Hills church of Christ and to build a sense of community among the members of the body of Christ through an accurate and quality communication of 1) ministries and activities of the church 2) the opportunities for each member to find fulfillment as disciples of Jesus and 3) the scriptural application of God's Word to life relevant issues today.

YOUTH (6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grades)		
Monday Night Live Schedule		
Date	Location	Leaving
July 23	West Point	TBA
July 30	Maben	5:00

**Heart matters**

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**Schedule of Service**  
 Sunday Bible Class.....9:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 pm  
 Wednesday..... 7:00 pm

**YAKS  
(K-5<sup>th</sup> grades)**


**GOD LOVES YOU  
and so do your Sunday  
School Teachers!**

**Come and spend time  
with both this Sunday.**

*"Since then,  
you have  
been raised  
with  
Christ,  
set your  
hearts  
on things  
above."  
Colossians 3:1*

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July 22, 2007



# Heartbeat

**How To Be A Friendly Church  
--Copied from Church Growth Magazine--**

We have visitors every week, and I am thankful for them because they are a primary source of new growth. To be regarded as a friendly church is a precious commodity; it takes work to maintain that important trait. Here are some rules that will help us perpetuate a friendly environment

**The 30-second rule.** Most guests will make a judgment about us during the first 30 seconds after they enter our building. Let's greet people at the doors with a handshake and a smile. Mean it when you say "We're so glad you came!"

**The front door rule.** Many people need help to find their classes or a seat in the auditorium. If they find it difficult to locate a class or a seat, they may choose not to return.

**The aisle rule.** Unless you need to be on an aisle, leave room for visitors and guests to sit on the aisles. Our long pews make it necessary for many of us to sit in the middle.

**The ten-foot rule.** Greet any person with whom you are not familiar who comes within ten feet of you. Make eye contact and be friendly.

**The five-minute rule.** Take the first five minutes after services to seek out guests and greet them. Encourage them to return and thank them for coming.

Our attitude may determine whether or not they return. They come back when they feel welcomed and appreciated. Let's do our best to see that this happens.

- Deacons**
- David Blevins, Education
  - Tim Nelson, Calls/Visitor/Greeters
  - Jim Head, Life Groups
  - Allen Rogers, YAKS